

"SANTA CLAUS GIRL" WILL AGAIN MAKE POOR TOTS HAPPY

Miss Olive May Wilson, of Jenkintown, obtains pledges of support from New England folk.

Miss Olive May Wilson, the "Santa Claus Girl," who has gladdened the hearts of thousands of children with Christmas gifts, has returned to her home in Jenkintown after a whirlwind trip through the New England States in which she interested the people of that section in the "Santa Claus" movement.

Everywhere I explained my plan to give the children gifts," said Miss Wilson today in speaking of her trip, "the people seemed to become interested in it and indorsed it heartily. Scores promised to do everything possible to further the movement."

Miss Wilson's trip through New England took her into Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and New York. She called at the office of Governor David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, in Boston, but was unable to see that official owing to the fact that he was suffering from a broken arm.

While she was in Boston, Miss Wilson also called on Mrs. Rugg Field, a prominent lecturer on contemporary subjects, and the Boston woman assured her that she would aid the "Santa Claus" movement. She also called at the home of Margaret DeLain in Boston, but the authorities was not at home.

Miss Wilson brought home with her a letter of indorsement from Bishop Suffragan Samuel Babcock, of the Diocese of Boston, who is prominent in the affairs of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New England. Another clergyman, Bishop Berry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, whom the Jenkintown girl met in Providence, said that every one who thought of Christmas as a holiday should take an interest in the work.

Governor Gotlieb, of Rhode Island, was not at his office in Providence when the "Santa Claus Girl" called. His secretary also told her that the Governor had heard of her work in furnishing gifts for the poor children of the Governor and that he would send her a letter showing his unqualified indorsement of the work which she had been doing for the past two years.

Six hundred girls at the Abbott Academy, in Andover, Mass., listened to Miss Wilson for 15 minutes during the chapel exercises, and when she concluded they declared themselves in favor of the plan and each girl in the school promised to act as "Santa Claus" to at least one child next Christmas.

SANTA'S BAG RAPIDLY FILLING. Although Christmas is more than two months off, Miss Wilson said today that she already had received 5000 gifts to send to poor children. As she told of the work in which she was engaged a large limousine stopped in front of the Wilson home at West and Highland avenues, in Jenkintown, and the chauffeur brought more than a dozen more large packages into the house.

Last year Miss Wilson sent out 5000 presents to poor children in all parts of the country. She also sent out 5000 Christmas Postmaster "Thornton" sent postoffice auto trucks out to Jenkintown children whose presents were too poor to buy presents for them.

Fifteen thousand gifts is the number which the "Santa Claus Girl" hopes to distribute this year. Each gift will be wrapped up and sent with the child's name on it, and included in the package will be the following letter:

"My Dear Little Friend: "Santa Claus is very happy to send you your little gift. He knows you don't have very many, and he hopes you will enjoy this little gift. Merry Christmas to you!"

"North Pole, Christmas, 1914." While Miss Wilson has the indorsement of President Wilson and others in charge of affairs of the Government, she has not been able to persuade them to grant away a franking privilege to send her gifts postpaid. Notwithstanding the fact that Postmaster General Burleigh, told her friends with her in Washington, told her that it would be impossible to grant the privilege, Miss Wilson has not given up hope and still believes that the Government will send the gifts free after the custom revenues again flow into the coffers of the country.

In speaking of her fight for the franking privilege, the "Santa Claus Girl" said: "They tell me that I cannot have the gifts sent free, but I am not going to allow the officials of this country have peace until they permit me to send the gifts to the dear little children without cost."

Miss Wilson said that it makes her happy to give away so many pretty gifts to the unfortunate children at Christmas. "Every child look forward to the day when Santa Claus comes down the chimney to bring the gift for which he or she has been waiting, and they should not be disappointed," she said. "The finest meal or the best clothing will not make a child happy at Christmas time, and I will try my best to bring joy to Kansas or of any other place if I hear that they are worthy."

Miss Wilson is also interested in the Santa Claus ship, which will leave our shores to carry toys to the children of the soldiers in Europe, who at present are fighting in the great war.

SOON BEGIN WORK ON GARDEN OF OLD MORRIS MANSION

Homestead a Storehouse of Heirlooms and Alive With Memories of Colonial Days.

Within the next fortnight the work of restoring the gardens belonging to the old Morris mansion is to be started. For months a small army of mechanics has been busily engaged in the preparatory operations, which included the raising of two houses, almost as old, but not as large as the stately home of one of Philadelphia's families of Colonial ancestry.

The present occupant and owner is Mrs. Israel Wistar Morris, who has materially assisted her son, Ellingham B. Morris, in the work of restoration. Old documents have been gone over, family records searched and personal recollections reviewed so that everything about the house and gardens shall be the same as it was over a century ago.

Our fathers, and our great-grandfathers, too, were familiar with the big brass plate on the double doors of the house at 225 South Eighth street. It bears the single name "Morris," almost obliterated by polish and the use of the elbow bestowed by generations of housemaids. The lock on the inside of the door is almost big enough for a jail, and the key incites the thought that it might belong to an ancient fortress.

On each side of the door are two windows, through the small panes of which can be seen blooming plants no matter what the outside temperature may be. On the second and third floors are ranges of five windows, all having the same small panes and broad sash bars. To the front wall is affixed the old Contributorship insurance badge.

The house is built of alternating red stretcher and black header bricks, with quilled pilasters surrounded by a pediment of simple design, but of most excellent proportion.

AN OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN. Through this doorway admission is gained to the hall which runs to a door opposite the entrance opening into a garden full of box bushes and rose trees and in season old-fashioned flowers. Originally the garden of the mansion ran back of a house occupying the lot at 225, but this house, which was built in 1833 by Luke Morris for his daughter, Mrs. Charles Ellis, had been demolished to make room for the new garden which is to be a replica of the old one of Colonial days. A low brick wall surrounded by an iron railing has just been erected by the Morris family to inclose the property.

Between the little thoroughfare, which was once known as Goodwater alley, now St. James street, and the Morris mansion was a house belonging to the Philadelphia Saving Fund. This residence was also torn down by the owner and replaced by the present one, which is similar to that on the south side of the Morris house has been erected.

Changes of ownership, commercialism, the extension of the city and lines of transport have worked havoc with our Colonial mansions, but in this instance the usual order of things has been reversed, leaving the Morris mansion almost the only one of the notable houses of old Philadelphia unaltered by the commercial touch.

Quite a deal of romance and early history has been woven about this landmark, which was built by John Reynolds in 1786, sold to Ann Dunkin by the sheriff, in 1817, Luke Wistar Morris, the son of Captain Samuel Morris, who was the captain of the City Troop during the Revolution, purchased the property, since when it has passed by inheritance from one member of the family to another.

A STOREHOUSE OF HEIRLOOMS. The interior of the mansion is a storehouse of heirlooms of the Morris and Wistar families. Priceless china, old furniture and portraits carry one back to the long ago days when the tally-ho punch bowl was more than a relic and the aroma of the "Fish House Punch" was more than a memory.

Captain Samuel Morris was a Governor of the State in Schuylkill for 20 years and was president of the Gloucester Fox Hunting Club, and out of these two organizations the First City Troop was established. It is a notable fact that Ellingham B. Morris, Jr., became a member of this organization exactly 100 years after the death of his great-grandfather, Samuel Morris.

According to family records, the general captain was a man of singularly amiable personality and one of the best known citizens of his day. An excellent horseman, a keen sportsman and one who was instrumental in bringing out the fox hunting side of Philadelphia life. In the year 1799 a number of gentlemen of Philadelphia and West Jersey met at the Philadelphia Coffee House, Front and Market streets, to organize a fox hunting club.

This was accomplished, and when the war with our mother country was imminent Captain Morris and his friends were found with the Philadelphia Troop of Light Horse, all except four having been members of the Gloucester Fox Hunting Club. It was some time before 1797 that the members presented Captain Morris with the china punch bowl and in which the famous brew was made from the Captain's own recipe, which is still in use.

Mr. Morris says that the Morris House has been occupied three times by four generations of the family, with intervals of a generation between the occupations. "My grandmother was 14 years old when Cornwallis entered Philadelphia, and she lived to be 92 years old, and was alive when I was a child living in the house. Everything about it stands to make the old garden look just as it did when the city was a good many years younger than it is today," he said today.

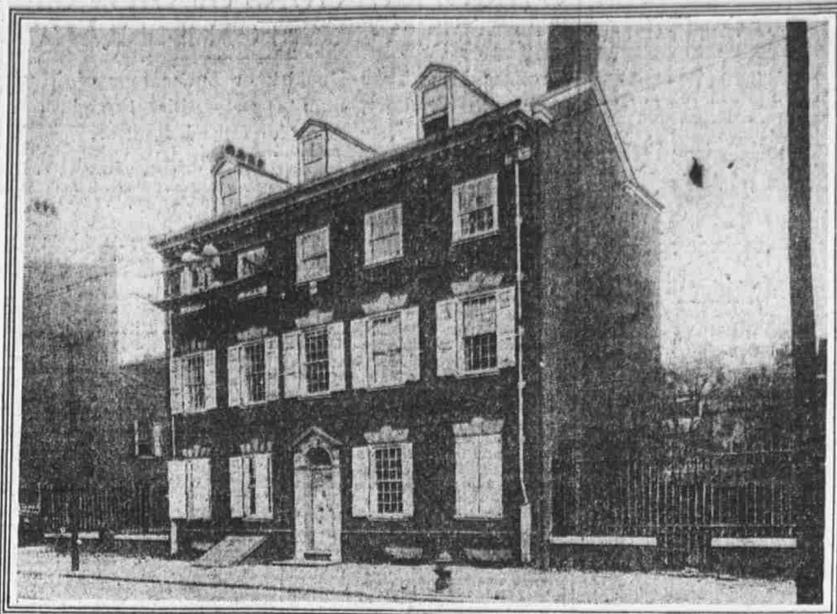
DIRECTOR HARTE WARNS AGAINST TWO AILMENTS

Advices Parents of Perils of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever.

As a safeguard against the spreading of diphtheria and scarlet fever, Director Harte, of the Department of Health and Charities, advises that children with sore throats be separated from their families and playmates until they have been examined by a physician.

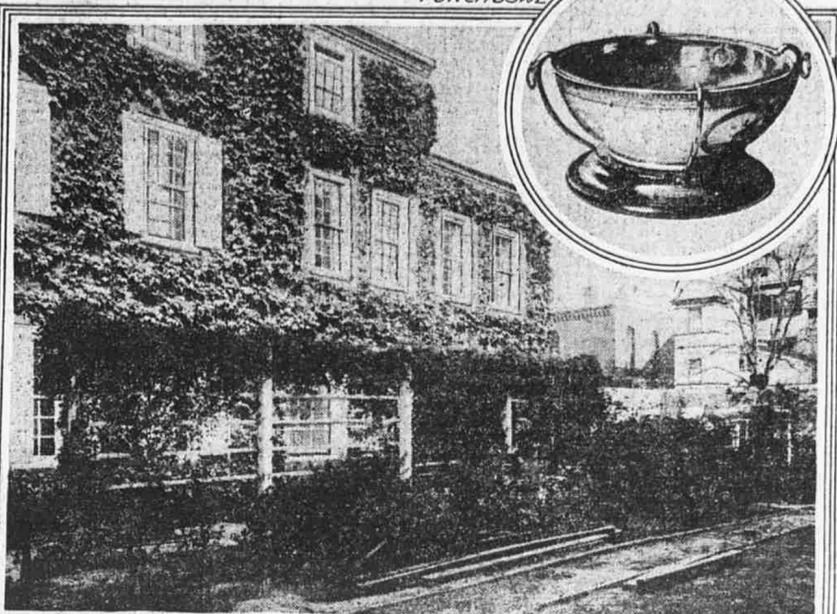
A sore throat may be the advance signal of a serious disease, said Director Harte in his weekly bulletin. He added: "People are too prone to try home remedies first or to wait for some serious symptoms before consulting a physician, who is the only person qualified to make a proper examination of the throat, and who can have a culture made if necessary. Delay is especially dangerous when the sore throat happens to be diphtheria. In this disease it is highly important that the cure for it, diphtheria antitoxin, be given as early as possible."

HISTORIC OLD PHILADELPHIA MANSION MADE NEW



MORRIS MANSION WITH GARDENS ON EACH SIDE

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DELIGHTFUL GARDEN IN HEART OF CITY

P. R. R. SEEKS REPEAL OF "FULL CREW" LAW

Statement Says Act Causes Useless Expenditure of \$1,100,000.

Voters are interested in an appeal made by the Pennsylvania Railroad to people by the Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey for their co-operation in trying to obtain the repeal of the "full crew" law which was enacted by the Pennsylvania Legislature on June 19, 1911, and was signed by Governor Tener.

Samuel Lee, president of the road, wrote the appeal, which has been printed on placards and sent to all stations east of Pittsburgh and Erie, where they were posted on the station bulletin boards. The appeal to the people of Pennsylvania points out that the law causes an annual waste of \$1,100,000 in the employment of unnecessary men and that this money might better be used in the elimination of grade crossings, improved tracks, signals and bridges or the buying of steel cars.

The law at present demands that a freight train of 30 cars have a crew of six men, trains having less than this number of cars must have at least five men, while a similar number is required on all passenger trains of three coaches and a baggage car, or six men for four coaches and baggage car. Pullman employes are not considered as part of a train crew in this law.

WILL RECEIVE NEW PASTOR

The Rev. T. E. Winter to be Entertained by Third Christian Church.

The Rev. T. E. Winter, of Fulton, Mo., has accepted a call to become pastor of the Third Christian Church, Aspen street and Lancaster avenue. Members of the congregation will give a reception for him and his wife tomorrow evening.

The Rev. Mr. Winter is a graduate from Hiram College, and completed his studies in Yale University, the University of California and Hiram Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of the Christian Church in Fulton, Mo., for more than four years, and previous to that work was a professor in the Bible College of Missouri, at Columbia.

Family Away, Thieves Take Violin

Detectives today are making efforts to find a valuable violin stolen from the home of Marcus Mathias, 630 Bedford avenue, in the absence of the family. The thieves entered a side window at the Germantown home despite the fact that many extra plate-glass panes had been placed in that part of the city to put an end to the robberies.

CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

Baptist Congregation Wipes Out Old Debt at Celebration.

Burning a mortgage for \$2,000, the congregation of the Bethel Baptist Church, 13th and York streets, has ended its 25th anniversary celebration. The mortgage had been reduced from year to year, and the silver anniversary was made the occasion of wiping it out. The Rev. Dr. F. W. Farr, the pastor, officiated and preached a sermon.

COURSE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

Will be Opened Tonight With Free Lecture at Central Y. M. C. A.

The course in public speaking at the night school of the Central Y. M. C. A. will be opened with a free session tonight, when the speaker will be Dale M. Carnagey, of New York. Mr. Carnagey has been an instructor for some years in New York and Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. schools, and is well known to educational association workers throughout the country. His subject tonight is to be "Self-Confidence and Talking to Win."

RESULTS OF THREE CIVIL SERVICE TESTS POSTED

Fifteen Applicants Qualify for Three City Positions.

Lists made public today of applicants qualifying in the recent civil service examinations for positions in city service are:

HEAD LAUNDRYMAN, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES. Salary, \$1200 per year. Charles B. Duran, 2817 N. 24th st., 90. Frank Morse, 8277 Sanson st., 78. Charles W. Crute, 502 N. Fallon st., 78. Lester B. Schall, 184 Green lane, Mansank, 70.5.

STENOGRAPHER AND CLERK, MALE. Salary, \$800 to less than \$900 per year. Everett Howland, 232 S. Cecil st., 66.5. George W. Wellman, 1402 E. 54th st., 85. Harry M. Grossman, 2140 Whit st., 77.4.

CLIMBER, ELECTRICAL BUREAU. Salary, \$2.00 per day. Charles Palmer, 3342 Ridge st., 91. A. Mark D. A. Brady, 247 E. 13th st., 83.8. George C. Sander, 338 N. 85th st., 45.7. George Carlant, 1233 Dover st., 80.8. Bernard McNicholl, 2208 S. Jasper st., No. 1. Nelson Dean Hindman, 3331 N. Front st., 74.8. Charles L. Kerber, Jr., 4235 Parrish st., 73.9.

DENMARK AFTER MORE ARMS

King's Agent Sends Inquiry Here Asking Cost of Rifles.

Evidence that King Christian of Denmark is contemplating an increase in the fighting strength of his nation is shown by inquiries received here asking the cost of 4000 rifles. This is one of several recent requests of a similar nature which have been made in this country.

The inquiry was received on Saturday, signed by A. Karlsen, one of Denmark's military contractors, who not only requested prices, but also the names of reliable inspectors of material who might be employed by his Government.

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COUNCILS' REORGANIZATION AN ISSUE IN CAMPAIGN

Every Legislative Candidate Must Go On Record for or Against It.

Every candidate for the State Legislature will be compelled to go on record for or against the principle of a smaller and reorganized Councils.

This question will be presented to the candidates by independent political leaders of the city, according to Franklin Sponner Edmonds, candidate for the State Senate on the Germantown-Manayunk ticket from the Germantown-Manayunk district, who made an announcement to this effect yesterday, saying that every candidate will be asked to sign a pledge committing himself on the subject.

1700 MARINES COMING BACK

Sea Soldiers in Mexico to Return to Philadelphia.

Preparations are being made at the Philadelphia navy yard today to receive 1700 marines, now on duty at Vera Cruz. This indicates, naval men say, that the local yard will continue to be the advance of the Marine Corps.

While officials deny that one of the three military companies of the Marine Corps at Vera Cruz will be returned to Philadelphia, it was said at the navy yard that a portion of the artillery equipment arrived recently on the supply ship Lebanon.

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MARK CENTENNIAL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IN CHRIST CHURCH

Protestant Episcopal Clergymen From All Parts of Diocese Attend Anniversary Services in Historic Edifice.

Old Christ Church, Second street above Market, was crowded with Protestant Episcopal clergymen from all parts of the Diocese of Pennsylvania this morning when special exercises were held in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Sunday school in this city.

This celebration was the opening session of the 46th annual meeting and teachers' institute of the Sunday school association of the diocese. The institute was continued in the Church of the Holy Apostles, 21st and Christian streets, this afternoon. Tonight there will be a conference with Bishop Rhinelander presiding.

The anniversary exercises in Old Christ Church were opened with the observance of Holy Communion, at the close of which the Rev. Dr. Louis C. Washburn, rector of the church, delivered an address in which he traced the history of the Sunday school in this country.

In the autumn of 1814, he said, two assistant ministers to Bishop White, who was then rector of Christ Church, as well as bishop of Pennsylvania, started a Sunday school in a mission of the church in Northern Liberties. The two ministers were the Rev. Jackson Kemper, who later became bishop in the missionary field in the Northwest, and the Rev. James Milner. It was claimed that this was the first Sunday school started by any denomination in the country.

FORESEES NEW RACIAL ERA

Dr. Felix Adler's Prophecy Impresses Educators and Lecturers.

Educators, lecturers and business men who heard Dr. Felix Adler, of New York, predict that an era when racial bitterness would be dissolved was rapidly approaching, stated today that they were impressed by the statements of the leader of the Ethical Culture Society.

Doctor Adler spoke yesterday before 2000 persons in the Broad Street Theatre. His subject was "The Meaning of the World Crisis." The speaker's words were applauded when he declared that racial bitterness would soon be eliminated.

25 YEARS IN PRIESTHOOD

Archbishop Presides at Father Coghlan's Anniversary Celebration.

With Archbishop Prendergast and more than 100 priests from this and other cities in attendance, the Rev. Gerald P. Coghlan yesterday celebrated the 25th anniversary of his pastorate at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue, and also the 15th anniversary of the erection of the church.

More than 2000 members of the congregation attended a Solemn High Mass with Father Coghlan officiating. The Rev. Charles W. Lyons, of Boston College, preached the sermon. In the evening Father Coghlan sang solemn vespers, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. William G. Carrihan.

NEGRO WELFARE DISCUSSION

Independent League Will Review Topic at Convention Tomorrow.

Announcement was made today by the National Independent Civil and Political League of America that the rights and welfare of the Negro race will be discussed tomorrow evening at the annual city convention.

The convention will be held at the Varick Institutional Temple, 19th and Catherine streets. Ministers representing a number of Negro congregations will deliver addresses.

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CONVENTION HOSTS WILL SOON GATHER FOR ANNUAL MEETS

Many Organizations to Hold Sessions Here During Next Two Months—Boomers Have New Slogan.

"Philadelphia, the World's Greatest Workshop," is the slogan which members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association are being urged to use on their printed matter and in the course of correspondence.

Adopted at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the association, the slogan is considered appropriate in connection with the "Boom Philadelphia" campaign.

Philadelphia might also be called "Convention City," judging from the long list of conventions scheduled to be held in this city before January 1. The list prepared by the association shows that representatives of nearly all trades will visit the city from widely separated points.

The Electric Vehicle Association of America opens its convention today in the Bellevue-Stratford. Among the other conventions scheduled for the month are those of the American School Hygiene Association and the Investment Bankers' Association.

Additional conventions listed are: November 2—Prize Winners, High School Agricultural Clubs of California.

November 3-4—State Horticultural Society.

November 5—Metal Trades Department, of American Federation of Labor.

November 6-7—Conference of American Mayors.

November 12-14—American Specialty Manufacturers' Association.

December 3—Ohio Corn Boys.

December 15-17—Pennsylvania State Hotel Men's Association.

December 23-31—Jewish Chautauqua Society.

December 23—American Association for the Advancement of Science.

December 25—American Association for Labor Legislation.

Others scheduled for December are the American Folklore Society, the National Lodge of Good Templars, the Supreme Forest and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

From April 14 to 16 the 50th anniversary of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States will be commemorated. On December 11 the 75th anniversary of the Old Guard, Second Regiment Infantry Corps, N. G. P., will be celebrated.

TODAY IS SEMI-CENTENARY OF "SHERIDAN'S RIDE"

Veterans Revive Memories of Great Cavalryman's Famous Exploit.

White-haired veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic are quietly celebrating today the 50th anniversary of General "Buff" Sheridan's famous 20-mile ride from Winchester to Cedar Creek, that turned a rout into a victory for the Union forces.

Men who served in cavalry commands during the Civil War, and especially those who were in the victorious battle following Sheridan's ride, are telling the story today to their grandchildren. Old books of verse are being thumbed for the poem by Thomas Buchanan Read, "Sheridan's Ride," inspired by the exploit of the dashing cavalryman.

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UNIVERSITY EXTENSION WORK

Program of Ninety Lectures on Many Topics Announced.

Great interest has been aroused by the announcement of a program of 90 lectures on a great variety of topics which has been arranged by the University Extension Society for this winter.

There will be six illustrated lectures on "The Accents of Man" by Dr. S. C. Schmeucker and five lectures on Shakespeare topics by Prof. Stockton Aaxon, of Rice University, Texas, brother of the late Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. International problems will be discussed by Prof. William Starr Myers, of Princeton. Prof. Samuel Arthur King, of Bryn Mawr, will give five lectures on voice culture.

Representative Interpretations of Life will be delivered by Prof. J. Duncan Spear, of Princeton. "Interpretations of American Society" will be given in four illustrated lectures by Prof. Dorothea W. Johnson, of Columbia.